



Kathleen R. Cowan

June 30, 1941 - January 10, 2020

TOWNSEND: Kathleen R. (Minehan) Cowan, 78, of Townsend, formerly of West Groton and Pepperell, died Friday, January 10, 2020 at Health Alliance, Leominster Hospital.

She leaves her husband of 55 years, Donald L. Cowan; two sons, David R. Cowan of Townsend, Jason L. Cowan and his wife, Julie, also of Townsend; two sisters, Mary J. Benson of Indiana, Margaret Ryan of St. Johnsbury, VT; two grandchildren, Shannon P. Cowan, Erin M. Cowan.

She was the sister of the late Richard L. Minehan of North Carolina, David J. Minehan of Las Vegas, NV and Patricia Hallet of Groton.

Kathy was born in Ayer, June 30, 1941, a daughter of Richard L. and Helen M. (O'Sullivan) Minehan and grew up in West Groton.

She was a 1959 graduate of Groton High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Anna Maria College in Paxton and later continued her education at Fitchburg State College.

For over thirty five years, Kathy taught History and English at North Middlesex Regional High School and Hawthorne Brook Middle School, retiring in 1999.

She was a member of Massachusetts Teachers Association., The Gardner

and Fitchburg Bridge Clubs as well as the Townsend Historical Society where she served on the Board of Directors. She was also an active member of St. John's Church in Townsend.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 Am Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Townsend.

Kathy's family will receive family and friends at calling hours on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 from 4-7 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119), Townsend Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend, MA 01469.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Mass

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church
1 School St
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2291

Tribute Wall

SC

“ My sincerest condolences to the Cowan family. My apology for my late response; I just came across this obituary this morning. Mrs. Cowan was the type of teacher that her students think of 35 years after having her for her encouragement and inspiration at a critical time in a young life. I will be forever thankful for the gift. My prayers to you for peace and healing.
Suzanne (Coffey) Camacho
Former 8th Grade Student, HBMS

Suzanne Camacho - May 18, 2020 at 08:36 AM

MZ

“ Donnie, I was sorry to hear of Cathy's passing; my best to your family.
Peggy Sawyer Zaldivar

Margaret S Zaldivar - January 27, 2020 at 07:18 PM

RD

“ So sorry to hear about Cathy `s passing. She was such a great teacher to my daughter & inspiration. Enjoyed seeing & talking to her every week at church. I know she is with God & looking down on us still telling us how to do things. Love your spunk. You will be missed. RIP.

Roxanne Doucette - January 18, 2020 at 03:05 PM

KA

“ This is such sad news. Our deepest sympathies to the entire Cowan family. The Rafalski/Marino family

Kate - January 15, 2020 at 08:42 PM

SS

“ So very sorry to learn of Kathy’s passing. She was a wonderful history teacher. She also gave of her time and talent sharing her Duplicate Bridge skills. She will be missed.

Susan Suokko - January 15, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, thinking of you all at this very sad time.

Kristin Walker Potito - January 15, 2020 at 12:22 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Cowan’s passing, she was a great teacher who had a marvelous skill for making history fun and memorable. She encouraged her students to grow in other ways too, and I still use the quilt I made as part of a class project back in 1999 (with help from her sister, Mrs. Hallet). She will be truly missed by many. My condolences to her family and friends.

Liz Barrett - January 14, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen R. Cowan.



January 14, 2020 at 03:08 PM

PL

“ *Donnie, David, Jason and Julie. So sorry to hear about the passing of Kathy! She was a wonderful person and a very dedicated teacher! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! With sympathy*
Patti Ladue

Patti Ladie - January 14, 2020 at 02:32 PM

AM

“ *Don, Dave, and Jason,*
So Sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Andy McHugh and family

Andy McHugh - January 14, 2020 at 01:42 PM

D(

“ *Dear Uncle Donnie, David, Jason, Julie, Shannon & Erin,*

Heartbroken to hear about Aunt Kathleen.
So many wonderful memories of her from childhood.
You have been in my thoughts & prayers.
Love,
Damian

Damian Ryan (nephew) - January 14, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray*
was purchased for the family of Kathleen R.
Cowan.



January 14, 2020 at 10:18 AM

FW

“ Families of: Dick and Tom Marinel and Mike White purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Kathleen R. Cowan.



Families of: Dick and Tom Marinel and Mike White - January 14, 2020 at 07:20 AM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
God Bless, Steve & Laurie Morency

Laurie Morency - January 13, 2020 at 02:56 PM

BO

“ Bob Obea purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Kathleen R. Cowan.



Bob Obea - January 13, 2020 at 01:49 PM

KH

“ Dave,
So sorry to hear this. Praying for you and your family!
Katie Haas

Katie Haas - January 13, 2020 at 12:19 PM

KS

“ Dave,
Sending prayers that God will be with you and your family and see you thru this during this difficult time. My sincerest condolences,
Karen/Kendallville Digital/LSC

Karen Shultz - January 13, 2020 at 11:56 AM



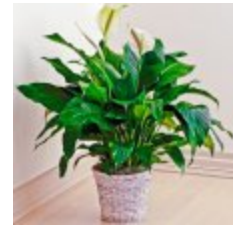
“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kathleen R. Cowan.



January 13, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Kathleen R. Cowan.



January 13, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kathleen R. Cowan.



January 13, 2020 at 10:02 AM

WF

“ I am so sorry, She was such a wonderful women, I have fond memories of her. My sincere Sympathy to Mr. Cowan, David, Jason and there entire family

Wanda L Felton-Tucker - January 12, 2020 at 09:35 PM

LC

“ Mrs. Cowan was a true professional. She was enthusiastic about history and it was contagious. I have truly fond memories of being in her class, which was always lively and fun. My condolences to her family - please know she has a place in many of her students' hearts.

Lesley Clark - January 12, 2020 at 09:14 PM

SC

Mrs. Cowan was so passionate about history and the lessons she taught on civics have stayed with me my whole life. She embodied all the characteristics of a great teacher. My condolences to her family. May she Rest In Peace.

Sharon Callahan - January 13, 2020 at 12:58 AM

JM

“ I honestly have to say I haven't thought of her In years but she was one of my favorites. Had her for Social Studies at Hawthorne Brook and she infused a sense of test preparation;into me that helped me for years. Condolences to the family

jenn montplaisir - January 12, 2020 at 08:55 PM

 William Graham

“ This is so sad. Mrs. Cowan was one of my all time favorite teachers! My deepest Condolences to Dave and family.

William Graham - January 12, 2020 at 08:55 PM

SE

“ To Don Cowan and family, so sorry to hear of your loss, sending prayers, Kathy was a lovely lady....

Sandra Ellis Kezar

Sandra Kezar Ellis - January 12, 2020 at 07:24 PM

SH

“ To The Cowan Family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Cowan was one of my favorite teachers at Hawthorne Brook. She was always so kind and made her class fun while teaching us so much. She was a wonderful lady. Prayers to your family.

Sharon Hackler - January 12, 2020 at 09:15 AM

CR

“ Dear Uncle Don, David, Jason and Julie:

Kitty and I are so sorry to have learned from Jamie Ryan this afternoon about Aunt Kathleen's death, God rest her soul. We both have heavy hearts as she was a loving, kind, and cheery person all the time. Aunt Kathleen and Uncle Don were always so kind to us, our three children, and the Ryan brothers over the years. She will be on my morning prayer list for the repose of her soul and I'll be praying for all of you in the days ahead. God bless and keep you.

*Chris and Kitty Ryan
Encino, California*

Christopher E Ryan - January 11, 2020 at 04:42 PM

KR

*I wanted to add to Chris's message - Aunt Kathleen was a warm, wonderful and witty lady and I will never forget her. Love to you all.
Kitty*

Kitty Ryan - January 12, 2020 at 12:31 PM

GL

“ So sorry for your loss. One of my best memories of Kathy was on Joe’s and my trip to Italy. She always kept us entertained with her stories and sense of humor.

Ginny Lo Duca

Ginny LoDuca - January 11, 2020 at 04:09 PM

TF

“ The Willard family purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Kathleen R. Cowan.



The Willard family - January 11, 2020 at 11:57 AM

HT

“ Heather and Sophia Thonis purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Kathleen R. Cowan.

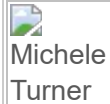


Heather and Sophia Thonis - January 11, 2020 at 11:13 AM

SF

“ Cowan family, so sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers. Such a wonderful person! Her yearly project was a great way to involve and teach her students! I'm sure many of them still have their projects and fond memories of Mrs. Cowan. God bless you with happy memories.

Susan Funaiole - January 10, 2020 at 11:06 PM



Michele
Turner

“ *Mrs. Cowan was one of my all time favorite teachers. I will never ever forget her. She was a wonderful woman who touched so many lives and made such a huge difference in the world. My thoughts and prayers are with her husband, her boys, and their families at this very difficult time. May she rest in peace.*

Michele Turner - January 10, 2020 at 09:19 PM

CT

“ *I remember Mrs. Cowan as a wonderful teacher, with a great laugh and a kind heart. She touched a lot of lives and I hope this brings some peace to her family during this difficult time. She will be greatly missed*

Christine Tremblay - January 10, 2020 at 08:45 PM



Kelly
McCusker

“ *So sad to hear this news. She was one of my favorite teachers at Hawthorne Brook. Such a great woman who will be missed by many.*
Kelly McCusker

Kelly McCusker - January 10, 2020 at 08:37 PM

BP

“ *Bill and I were so saddened to hear of Kathie's passing. She was an wonderful person and caring educator. She never hesitated to stop and say such kind words about our cherished grandsons. Our thoughts and prayers are with Donnie and their family. Such a loss.*

Bill & Jan Pothier - January 10, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *So very sorry. She was am wonderful lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Don and the boys and their families.*

mike&Terry Parent - January 10, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Kathleen R. Cowan.*



January 10, 2020 at 06:29 PM